

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed May 27, 2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29.
3. The drawings filed on 22 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 11, line 1, replace numeral "11" with -- 10 -- to correct improper claim dependency. Claim 11 cannot depend on itself.

In claim 16, line 1, replace numeral "11" with -- 15 -- to correct improper claim dependency. Claim 16 is a system claim and should appropriately depend on claim 15, not claim 11, which is a method claim.

In claim 17, line 1, replace numeral "11" with -- 15 -- to correct improper claim dependency. Claim 17 is a system claim and should appropriately depend on claim 15, not claim 11, which is a method claim.

In claim 18, line 1, replace numeral "11" with -- 15 -- to correct improper claim dependency. Claim 18 is a system claim and should appropriately depend on claim 15, not claim 11, which is a method claim.

In claim 19, line 1, replace numeral "11" with -- 15 -- to correct improper claim dependency. Claim 19 is a system claim and should appropriately depend on claim 15, not claim 11, which is a method claim.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Amended independent claims 1, 10, 15, 20, and new independent claim 21 all convey the requirement of writing a COD (coded macroblock indication) flag indicating a picture type of the present picture on the basis of a mode control signal received from a coding controller, when the present picture is determined to be an inter picture type, determining if the COD flag is equal to a first value indicating lack of motion information in the present picture; and setting the COD flag of the present picture to a second value, if the COD flag is equal to the first value, wherein the second value is not equal to the first value so that a decoder can detect an error by checking the value of COD flag. The prior art of record fail to anticipate or obviate the limitations as summarizes above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

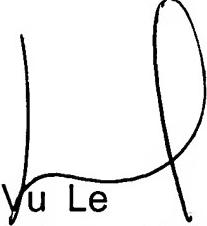
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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vu Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-7332. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on (571) 272-7418. Customer Service can be reached at (571) 272-2600. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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